

# Poor Sewage Disposal Conditions In Pueblo Area Cited In CPA Complaint

Deplorable conditions in sewage disposal in the Pueblo district, despite the construction recently of a new sewer line, has been quoted by the County Health Department in complaints to the Civilian Production Administration in Washington, D. C., regarding the priorities on clay sewer pipe and clay building materials.

Dr. H. W. Swartout, county health officer, said that because of the priorities placed on the sewer pipe, the residents in the Pueblo district cannot get pipe to connect with the sewer line and a menace to public health exists there.

His letter stated: "The problem of sewage disposal in Los Angeles County, California, is rapidly becoming critical because of the priorities placed on clay sewer pipe and clay building bricks. In placing priorities on these two items your agency apparently overlooked the fact that clay brick and clay tile are both vital for the protection of public health in many existing dwellings and premises.

"Cesspools fill up and overflow making the construction of new cesspools or the connection of existing plumbing fixtures to the street sewers imperative. There are actually hundreds of overflowing cesspools in Los Angeles County today, and there soon will be hundreds more,

which cannot be corrected because the local priorities agency refuses to recognize the great public health danger involved and merely states that 'Washington is the only agency that can do anything about it.'

"To cite a specific example: in the City of Torrance, California, a sewer line was constructed during the war as a public health measure to serve an area of the city where cesspools were a constant source of trouble. The very purpose for which this sewer line was constructed has been nullified by your local agency's refusal to grant priorities for clay sewer pipe so that the premises served by these same overflowing cesspools can be connected to the public sewer. Today there are thirty dwellings and two large food establishments in this one area alone where human sewage wastes are ponding on the premises and in some instances actually running down the street.

"There are a great number of children in this neighborhood and on many occasions their parents have found them playing in these human sewage wastes. The danger of an outbreak of communicable diseases of epidemic proportions is alarming.

"We shall look forward to an immediate revision in priorities regulations so that clay bricks and clay sewer tile will be made



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## Thrills At First Airplane Trip

Lt. Fred Lincoln, Jr., and his mother, Mrs. F. A. Lincoln, of 1229 Cota ave., have just returned from a flight to Tucson, Ariz., where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hood (Marguerite Lincoln). The trip, which marked Mrs. Lincoln's first time in the air, was made in Lt. Lincoln's open cockpit trainer plane. Leaving here after lunch they were in the Hood home in time for dinner. Their return was more leisurely and included side trips over Baldwin, Big Bear and Arrowhead lakes.

## PRE-SCHOOL AND INFANT TRAINING CLASS SUBJECT

Classes on supervision of the health and habit training of the infant and pre-school child are being conducted this week for Los Angeles county health department nurses at the East Los Angeles health center according to Mrs. Gladys T. Pearce, Torrance, health district supervising public health nurse. Miss Margaret Cree, maternal and child hygiene nursing consultant for the State department of public health will be in charge of the meetings. She will visit and observe in several of the child hygiene conferences held throughout the County.

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